cal Development, 84997 million pieces in 1984, 80631 million pieces in 1985 and 72675 million pieces in 1986 of Cigarettes were produced in the country in the organised sector. No figures are available in the case of production of Bidis. The available data is not suitable for any Plan projections.

(b) The studies conducted at the National Institute of Occupational Health, Ahmedabad have shown higher levels of nicotine and cotinine among the tobacco growers, handlers and factory workers. These workers have also shown 'green symptoms'.

(c) There are reasons to believe that infections and diseases affected more seriously the people who are in poor health and malnourished.

(d) Cigarette smoking by pregnant women is known to result in low birth weight in their newborn babies in the West. As smoking of cigarettes and bidis is not very common in Indian women, such studies have not been carried out in India. It is, however, known that pregnant women who chew tobacco have low birth weight babies.

(e) There is no authentic data available from India on the subject. However, the data from elsewhere shows that non-smokers living or working with smokers (passive smokers) have about two to three fold higher risk of lung cancer. It is biologically plausible as the side stream smoke contains carcinogens in much higher concentrations (e.g. nitrosamine is 52 times higher). Children who are passive smokers have a higher risk for lung infections.

Shortage of schools in Delhi

3448. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to increasing number of public/private schools in Delhi/New Delhi day by day it has become difficult for common men to give education to their children at a nearer distance in Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that common man residing in Vasant Vihar CPWD Complex, New Delhi are facing great hardships as the number of Primary/Middle/Senior Secondary schools are not sufficient to their requirement; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that in spite of various efforts by various residents of area/area associations/Sansthans, including Members of Parliament, the M.C.D. authorities has not so far opened any Primary School and if so, what are the reasons for delay and by when it is likely to be opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Government schools are established in areas having sizeable number of school-going children. During 1987-88, Delhi Administration has opened a Middle School in Vasant Vihar. Besides, there are many other Government schools in areas around Vasant Vihar which cater to the educational needs of the children of that area.

(c) Primary School in CPWD housing complex, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi could not be opened during 1987-88 because the land could not be transferred in favour of M.C.D. and also because adequate number of children were not available. Opening of the school will depend upon the completion of these formalities.

इलाहाबाद रेलवे स्टेशन पर यात्रियों को समक्ष आ रही कठिनाइयां

3449. श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि इलाहाबाद रेलवे स्टेशन के जिस प्लेटफार्म पर प्रयागराज एक्सप्रेस पहुंचती है, टिकट घर से यात्रियों को

वहां जाने में कम से कम 15 मिनट का समय लगता है और 100 से अधिक सीढ़ियों पर उतरना-चढ़ना पड़ता है ;

(ख) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि इसके कारण वृद्ध व्यक्तियों, महिलाओं और बीमार तथा अपंग व्यक्तियों को कष्ट उठाना पड़ता है; और

(ग) इस असुविधा के कारण यात्रियों को होने वाली कठिनाइयों से छुटकारा दिलाने के लिए सरकार क्या कदम उठा रही है ?

रेल मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री माधव राव सिंधिया) : (क) से (ग) सभी प्लेटफार्मों और शहर की दिशा को सिविल लाइन दिशा से सीधे जोड़ने के लिए एक ऊपरी पैदल पुल का निर्माण शुरू किया जा रहा है ।

1988 में इस ऊपरी पैदल पुल के चालू हो जाने से सभी प्लेटफार्मों पर पहुंचने के लिए सीधा तथा छोटा मार्ग उपलब्ध हो जायेगा ।

Tussle between Health Minister and Secretary

3450. SHRI MIRZA IRSHADBAIG:
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the Indian Express of the 21st September, 1987 under the heading 'Minister versus Secretary' with regard to an infighting in the Ministry of Health;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether certain correspondence has been leaked out;

(d) whether any enquiry has been made into the leakage of the correspondence if so, the details of the outcome thereof; and

(e) if no enquiry has been made, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Yes.

(b) The news item speaks of differences between Minister of State and the Secretary and Director General of Health Services on certain issues.

(c) to (e) The 'news story' has given a misleading and sensational colour to certain normal decisions of the Ministry. The Government does not consider it necessary to hold any enquiry in this matter.

Guidelines for the transfer of the Doctors in C.G.H.S.

3451. SHRI MIRZA IRSHADBAIG:
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are certain guidelines for transfer of medical officers who have been working in CGHS Dispensaries for more than 5 years;

(b) if so, what are the guidelines;

(c) the names of doctors in each dispensary in Delhi who have put in more than 5 years and who have recently been transferred under these guidelines;

(d) whether it is a fact that the transfer orders htave been cancelled in respect of certain medical officers;

(e) if so, the names of such medical officers alongwith the names of dispensaries; and

(f) the reasons for the cancellation of their transfer orders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A copy of the guidelines is enclosed as Statement-I (*See* below).